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TO: SUMMER FLOUNDER INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

**SUBJECT: OPENING OF VIRGINIA'S FALL PERIOD THREE DIRECTED OFFSHORE
SUMMER FLOUNDER FISHERY**

Fall Period Three

- **Effective 12:01 A.M., Wednesday December 8, 2021, the Fall Period Three Directed Virginia Offshore Summer Flounder Fishery will open for vessels with a Virginia Summer Flounder Endorsement License.**
- The landing limit for the Offshore (EEZ) Fishery from December 8 through December 31, 2021 is 12,500 pounds. Vessels may land a maximum of 12,500 pounds for the entire period of December 8 through December 31, 2021.
- It is unlawful for any vessel to land in Virginia any amount of summer flounder more than once in any consecutive 5-day period.
- It is unlawful to possess aboard any vessel in Virginia waters any amount of summer flounder in excess of the total of the Virginia landing limit (12,500 pounds) and the amount of the legal North Carolina or New Jersey landing limit or trip limit.
- For additional requirements please visit <https://mrc.virginia.gov/Regulations/fr620.shtm>

Additional Information

On Wednesday, December 7, 2021, the Commission established new procedures to announce landing dates, possession limits, and landing limits for summer flounder commercially harvested offshore (federal waters) and landed in Virginia. All announcements can be found on the agency website at <https://mrc.virginia.gov>.

If you have questions or comments, contact Jill Ramsey at (757) 247-2243.

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